

WE CLAIM:

Claim 1.

A speed control device for controlling the speed of a
5 vehicle, the speed control device comprising:

a housing having a top with an opening, a bottom, and a
hollow interior;

a plate having an upper surface and a lower surface, the
plate slidably disposed within the interior of the housing;

10 a bump canister disposed within the interior of the housing
and capable of protruding through the opening; and

a pressure source connected to the housing and capable of
placing pressure, either hydraulic or pneumatic, on the lower
surface of the plate such that when the pressure source places
15 pressure onto the plate, the plate slides upwardly toward the top
of the housing causing the bump canister to protrude through the
opening and when the pressure source is not placing pressure onto
the plate, the plate slides downwardly toward the bottom of the
housing causing the bump canister to retract back into the
20 housing.

Claim 2.

The speed control device wherein the pressure source is
activated by a speed sensor that detects the speed of the vehicle
such that the pressure source places pressure on the plate

whenever the speed sensor detects a vehicle traveling above a defined speed.

Claim 3.

The speed control device as in claim 2 wherein the amount of pressure exerted by the pressure source is proportional to the amount of speed above the defined speed that the vehicle is traveling as detected by the speed sensor.

Claim 4.

The speed control device as in claim 2 wherein the speed sensor is a sensor loop that is buried within the path of travel of the vehicle.

Claim 5.

The speed control device as in claim 2 wherein the speed sensor is a radar gun.

15 Claim 6.

The speed control device as in claim 1 wherein the bump canister has at least one tubular member that has an angled and sharp top end that is capable of a tire of the vehicle as the vehicle passes over the bump canister that is protruding through the opening of the housing.

Claim 7.

The speed control device as in claim 1 wherein the housing is buried within a roadway.

Claim 8.

The speed control device as in claim 7 wherein the top of the housing is flush with the roadway.

Claim 9.

5 The speed control device as in claim 7 wherein the top of the housing is disposed above the roadway.

Claim 10.

The speed control device as in claim 9 wherein a top surface of the canister is rounded.

10 Claim 11.

The speed control device as in claim 1 further comprising a spring disposed within the interior of the housing and having a first end abutting the top of the housing and a second end abutting the upper surface of the plate such that the spring 15 biases the plate back toward the bottom of the housing whenever the pressure source reduces or eliminates pressure placed on the plate.

Claim 12.

The speed control device as in claim 1 wherein the housing 20 is disposed within a ramp member, the ramp member capable of being removably seated onto an existing roadway.

Claim 13.

A speed control device for controlling the speed of a vehicle, the speed control device comprising:

a housing having a top with an opening, a bottom, and a hollow interior;

a speed sensor for sensing the speed of the vehicle;

a bump canister disposed within the interior of the housing,

5 the bump canister articulating between an extended position wherein the bump canister protrudes through the opening of the housing and a retracted position wherein the bump canister retracts back into the housing, the articulation of the bump canister being controlled by the speed sensor such that when the

10 speed sensor senses the vehicle is traveling above a defined speed, the bump canister is placed into the extended position, otherwise, the bump canister is placed into the retracted position.

Claim 14.

15 The speed control device as in claim 13 wherein a pressure source is connected to the housing and capable of placing pressure, either hydraulic or pneumatic, onto the bump canister for articulating the bump canister into the extended position.

Claim 15.

20 The speed control device as in claim 14 wherein the amount of pressure exerted by the pressure source is proportional to the amount of speed above the defined speed that the vehicle is traveling as detected by the speed sensor.

Claim 16.

The speed control device as in claim 13 wherein the amount of extension of the bump canister is proportional to the amount of speed above the defined speed that the vehicle is traveling as 5 detected by the speed sensor.

Claim 17.

The speed control device as in claim 13 wherein the speed sensor is a sensor loop that is buried within the path of travel of the vehicle.

10 Claim 18.

The speed control device as in claim 13 wherein the speed sensor is a radar gun.

Claim 19.

The speed control device as in claim 13 wherein the bump 15 canister has at least one tubular member that has an angled and sharp top end that is capable of a tire of the vehicle as the vehicle passes over the bump canister that is in the extended position.

Claim 20.

20 The speed control device as in claim 13 wherein the housing is buried within a roadway.

Claim 21.

The speed control device as in claim 20 wherein the top of the housing is flush with the roadway.

Claim 22.

The speed control device as in claim 20 wherein the top of the housing is disposed above the roadway.

Claim 23.

5 The speed control device as in claim 22 wherein a top surface of the canister is rounded.

Claim 24.

The speed control device as in claim 13 further comprising a spring disposed within the interior of the housing and having a 10 first end abutting the top of the housing and a second end abutting the upper surface of the plate such that the spring biases bump canister into the retracted position whenever the vehicle is not traveling above the defined speed.

Claim 25.

15 The speed control device as in claim 13 wherein the housing is disposed within a ramp member, the ramp member capable of being removably seated onto an existing roadway.

Claim 26.

The speed control device as in claim 13 wherein the bump 20 canister is raised to its extended position by a magnet.